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CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
No. 84.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 13th
instant (6th moon 26th day) being the
BIRTHDAY of H.M. the EMPEROR OF
CHINA, will be observed as a holiday at the
KOWLOON CUSTOMS OPium EXAMINATION
OFFICE AND STATION.

All examination of cargo and clearances of
Junks will be suspended.

H. M. SMITH,
Commissioner of Customs
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 8th August, 1898. [1602]

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AUCTIONS

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 345.

THE following Particulars and Conditions
of the Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC
AUCTION to be held on the spot, on
MONDAY, the 13th day of August, 1898, at
3 P.M., are published for general information:

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1898. [1604]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Area in Acres	Boundary Measurements.	Surface Area in Acres	Surface Area in Hectares	Up-to- Date Price
1. Hang Kong West of Market Lot 223	430	229 70 70 23 100	100	4.773	

BY ORDER OF THE SECOND
MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have
received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON

WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of August, 1898,
at 3 P.M.,
at their Office, 100 Queen's Road Central,
In One Lot.

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF
GROUND situate at Victoria, in the Colony
of Hongkong, and registered in the Land
Office as INLAND LOT NO. 143; formerly
known as the MARINE LOT NO. 143, and
238, Queen's Road (Crown), are held for the
rent of a term of 999 years from the 1st
July, 1846. Annual proportion of Crown Rent
\$20. The Lot number was altered last year to
No. 143, but the Crown Lease has never been
taken up.

ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF
LAND situate at Victoria, aforementioned, and
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MARINE LOT NO. 199. These premises face
on Queen's Road (Crown) (Nos. 373 and 375) and
Sai Hang Lane (Nos. 3 and 5) and are held
for the term of a term of 999 years from the 7th
January, 1862. Annual proportion of Crown Rent
\$22.

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DEATH.

On the 11th July, John McLean, R. N. Barnes,
Jesuit, Warrane, Inspector of B. N. Barnes, Com-
mander, formerly of Shropshire L. I. Regiment
and Hongkong Police, of congeion of the lungs.
Deeply regretted by all brother officers.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1868.

THE English press, Reuter informs us, regard the Anglo-Russian relations in China as critical and apprehend complications. The stock market also is reported weak. Nevertheless we think there is but little cause for uneasiness, and that the complications will be resolved without resort to arms. Russia is not yet prepared for a great naval war. She will prefer to preserve her fleet and trust to time and the course of events to enable her to reach her goal. The crisis is, however, one of some importance, and the acquisition of a naval base in Russia in the Red Sea shows that she is preparing to make herself unpleasant when opportunity offers. It is much to be regretted that Great Britain and Russia cannot agree as to their respective policies and each pursue its own course without getting in the way of the other. There is room enough for both without incurring risk of collision, but unfortunately Russia does not seem to think so, while on the other hand we have in Great Britain a powerful jingo party who would like to fight Russia out of sheer racial antipathy and who lose no opportunity of seeking to annoy her. The present crisis arises out of the question of railway construction. As Lord SALISBURY remarked the other day, two countries cannot construct the same railway, and where there cannot be peaceful competition the defeated party in the contest is not unlikely to prove sore and resentful.

Logic and abstract propositions of equity do not count for very much in diplomacy and international rivalries, but if Great Britain claims the right to construct or finance railways in Manchuria a dependency of China which Russia aspires to have marked out as her special sphere of influence, we can hardly be surprised if Russia on her part seeks to make her influence felt in railway construction in other parts of the Empire, where her presence may not be agreeable to Great Britain. The Liao-Han railway is, it appears, to be financed by the Russo-Chinese Bank, which virtually means that it is to be constructed with Russian money or with money placed at Russia's disposal by France. This naturally is not agreeable to British feeling, and the Shanghai branch of the China Association in said to have taken action in the matter. A translation of the contract referring to the line in question has been published by our Shanghai contemporary the China Gazette, which claims that the translation is substantially accurate, though the phraseology may be stony owing to the

translation having been made from Chinese into French and from French into English, the original French text not having been available. Taking the translation as it stands it does not appear on the face of it that the line is intended to be under the direct control of the Russian Government, any more than the Newchwang Bank will be under the control of the British Government on account of its being financed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; but there is no doubt more behind the contract than appears on the surface.

We do not, however, think the situation is really critical. Russia and Great Britain are not going to embark upon a struggle for supremacy in the Far East for more than a year or because one party may object to being shut out of participation in certain concessions. It will not be impossible to find a modus vivendi in reference to any such complication, though there may be some little difficulty in reconciling diverse interests. Of course we cannot allow Russia to ignore our claims and interests, but if we showed that we were not unwilling to recognize her mission in Eastern Asia and had no intention of checking its legitimate development it is possible that some trouble in the future might be avoided. At the same time we think the Court at St. Petersburg should be treated to some plain speaking. Diplomats like M. MURAVIEV would be all the better for a plain intimation that it will in the long run pay better to treat Great Britain with courteous frankness than to attempt to jockey her. The complication is really due to the Muscovite's desire to realize that straightforward dealing is more consonant with the honour and prestige of a great nation than mendacious and elusive statements made with the deliberate purpose to deceive. But allowances must, we suppose, be made for a nation which still lags far behind in the path of progress, and whose statements to methods in vogue at the commencement of the century, but strangely out of place at its close.

The Post Office notifies that correspondence for Cuba cannot be forwarded at present.

The Daily Chinese Progress publishes a report from Peking to the effect that the Emperor had been unable to hold owing to swellings in the joints, but that his Majesty was expected to resume his direction of State affairs in a few days.

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The German occupation of Kiaochow Bay, the Morning Post, has proved very convenient to those German subjects resident in Shanghai who are liable for military service, for they can put in their time there and resume their trade or profession in the East or elsewhere on the expiration of the term.

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